

## Southall 0, Wycombe Wanderers 3



**TONY HORSEMAN**  
... man of match

**PUTTING** Saturday's crushing defeat at Enfield behind them, Wycombe Wanderers produced a sparkling second half display to overcome Southall by an emphatic 3-0 margin at Western Road last night (Monday).

So in the space of two days, the Blues have experienced the despair and joy of a three goal defeat and victory. This latest triumph, which incidentally completed the double over Southall, earns them their second £40 bonus from the M.A.C. Driving School.

Of course, any comparison between Enfield and Southall is futile for Enfield were a class above anything Wycombe had met this season. Southall could not hope to produce that sort of football but they must have fancied their chances with Wycombe possibly suffering a 'hangover'.

In the event, Saturday's defeat had a sobering effect on Wanderers whose football was vastly improved. It must be said, however, that Southall were only a shadow of the side that gave the Blues a real run for their money when going down 3-2 at Loakes Park earlier this season.

It was pleasing to see Wycombe abandon their disastrous tactic of playing the ball out short for goal kicks. This

time long balls upfield put immediate pressure on the home defence which never looked happy throughout the 90 minutes.

There was far more bite and urgency to Wanderers' play, too. Farouk Quraishi made a fine return to midfield alongside Howard Kennedy and Graham Mackenzie but man of the match for my money was the veteran Tony Horseman. 'Bodger' produced some delightful touches and with more luck might have had a hat-trick. In the event, he was on target once with Dylan Evans and Mackenzie grabbing the other two.

At the back Wycombe were also far more confident and both Alan Phillips and Keith Mead dominated a disappointing Southall attack. Phillips in particular, had a great game. Peter Spittle also deserves a mention for a brilliant penalty save when the score stood at 1-0. On the debit side, however, there is still room for considerable improvement in control up front where both Evans and Derek Harris, playing against his former teammates, were at fault.

Home 'keeper Gordon Linton was soon in action tipping over Mackenzie's 15 yard drive after seven minutes but Ray Knowles had a better chance at the other end when a mistake put him clear, but he sliced his shot after been forced wide by Spittle. The game became scrappy after a promising start with both sides playing at far too quick a pace for their liking. Mistakes abounded as as the ball was given away repeatedly.

Wanderers went ahead after 28 minutes through poor work by the home defence. Horseman's lofted cross looked innocent but Linton stayed on his line and the defence stood like statues as Evans rose to head home. The goal gave Wycombe the boost they needed and Harris twice went close to increasing the lead before half time. Best move, however, came when Bob Davies made a fine overlap and cut inside two defenders. Horseman finished off the attack by curling a shot narrowly wide.

The pattern continued in the second half with Wanderers looking far more constructive in midfield. Evans almost surprised Linton with a snap volley and then Harris turned brilliantly to to send in a shot that was deflected into the side netting.

A 65th minute penalty award could have turned the game upside down, however. In a hectic scramble inside the Wycombe box the ball struck the hand of a Wanderers defender and a linesman spotted the offence. Waving his flag fiercely, he eventually attracted the attention of referee Gregory, who had earlier ignored two offsidess from his fellow officials. After consultation, the spot kick was awarded and Gary Hibbs sent the ball wide of Spittle. Mr Gregory, however, was not ready and the kick was retaken. Hibbs thumped the ball the same way but this time Spittle flung himself across and somehow kept the shot out, injuring himself in the process. He continued after treatment.

Nine minutes later Wanderers increased their lead with a fine move involving Harris, Mackenzie and Evans and culminating with Horseman rapping a shot into the net. There were several more chances before Mackenzie, who had laid on Horseman's scoring chance, was returned the compliment in the 85th minute. Horseman clipped the ball through a square defence and 'Jock' placed his shot perfectly into the far corner.

**SOUTHALL:** G. Linton; G. Towers, G. Smith, N. Laws, C. Hutchings, H. Manoe, G. Hibbs, D. Doyle, A. O'Driscoll, R. Knowles, A. Clarke. Sub: A. Morris (not used).

**WYCOMBE:** P. Spittle, R. Davies, D. Mead, A. Phillips, S. Vass, G. Mackenzie, H. Kennedy (sub J. Priestley 83 mins), F. Quraishi, A. Horseman, D. Harris, D. Evans.

**Half-time:** 0-1. Goalscorers, Evans (28), Horseman (74), Mackenzie (85).

**Referee:** C. A. Gregory (Woking).

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Enfield	15	12	2	1	30	10	38
Tooting and Mitcham	16	10	2	4	23	14	32
<b>Wycombe Wanderers</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>
Hitchin Town	16	9	3	4	29	19	30
Leatherhead	15	8	4	3	28	15	28
Hendon	17	8	4	5	27	22	28
Staines Town	14	8	4	2	20	15	28
Dagenham	17	8	3	6	30	26	27
Sutton United	14	7	2	5	17	14	23
Carshalton Athletic	13	6	4	3	25	17	22
Barking	13	6	1	6	21	18	19
Hayes	13	5	4	4	13	10	19
Boreham Wood	12	5	2	5	17	20	17
Kingstonian	15	4	4	7	19	22	16
Walthamstow Avenue	11	4	3	4	13	15	15
Croydon	13	4	2	7	15	19	14
Tilbury	13	2	5	6	16	23	11
Southall	14	2	4	8	13	23	10
Leytonstone	12	2	3	7	13	23	9
Slough Town	12	2	2	8	14	26	8
Woking	13	2	1	10	10	22	7
Bishop's Stortford	17	0	3	14	16	47	3